GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-US TALKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of round of Indo-US talks held during this year;

(b) the salient features of the bilateral talks held between both the countries; and

(c) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a), (b) and (c) India and the United States have intensified their dialogue at political and official levels. Besides a meeting between the Prime Minister and the U.S. President in New York on 12 September 2002, the two sides have held several ministerial level meetings and official level dialogues, including through the wide-ranging bilateral institutional dialogue architecture. The dialogue has strengthened mutual understanding on regional and international issues, including Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in India, and has enabled the two sides to discuss ways to expand cooperation in defence, counter-terrorism, science and technology, health, trade and investment, space, diverse forms of energy, high-technology commerce and multilateral issues.